

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

July 1 – July 15, 2008

NEWS

WNC's Golf Tournament Begins Second Decade

Sign up now for the college's annual golf tournament on Sept. 19, and you will have a chance to win great tee prizes as well as gifts for longest drive and closest to the pin. The grand prize is free golf every month for a year for a lucky foursome. A hole-in-one in the right par three earns a free car.



Having fun is almost guaranteed. The scramble format ensures even duffers will do well. Western is entering its second decade of the tournament, with the 11th annual tournament teeing off at Eagle Valley West course. All proceeds will benefit special projects at the college. Vice President Helaine Jesse says the tournament has become a

tradition with many golfers coming back year after year.

The entry fee is \$800 for business teams, and \$150 for individual golfers. To sign up, sponsor, or donate, call the Foundation at 445-3240.

Carson City Offices Relocated for ADA Improvements

We are into the heavy phase of construction at the Carson City Campus, with several offices relocated for the temporary closure of the Bristlecone Building on June 30 and July 1.



Modification to streets and buildings are being made to meet requirements for the Americans With Disability Act. At this time several entrances and exits have been closed or changed, and handicapped bathrooms, elevators, and ramps with gentler slopes will be created.

Project work includes leveling the hilly handicapped parking area at the north end of the Bristlecone Building, replacing indoor staircases and ramps, installing ADA compliant lifts inside the building, replacing sidewalks that are too steep for wheelchair

accessibility, creating new handicapped parking on the west side of the Aspen Building and in front of the Reynolds Center.

There will be a big push to finish as much work as possible before the fall semester begins. Our thanks to everyone for their patience.

Diane Nungary Places in 5K Race

Tech Prep Coordinator Diane Nungary placed second in her age group at the Partnership of Community Resources five-kilometer race with a time of just over 33 minutes. The Gardnerville-based group is dedicated to coordinating with a number of local organizations to create a better community through substance abuse prevention and wellness programs. Congratulations to Diane and the more than 170 participants who contributed to the 5K and 10K fun run.

Lupe Ramirez Chosen for Statewide Leadership Training

There were only 23 women chosen statewide for the Women's Research Institute of Nevada training in June, and Lupe Ramirez, executive assistant for the dean of Student Services, was one of them. The intensive week of training and exercises encouraged women to take a leadership role in the community, and included sessions with Nevada assemblywomen and an address by Attorney General Catherine Cortez-Masto.

The leaders explained obstacles they faced as women, and Lupe said the passion they had for their work, "was very inspirational. It really motivated us."

Lupe said she wants to serve the Latino community by encouraging people to get an education and perhaps work with an organization that deals with troubled teens and guide them to a more positive and productive outlook.



Verbal Judo Provides Tactical Communication

Western is offering a free one-day training course on "Verbal Judo" on July 21 and 22 on the Carson Campus. The course teaches a philosophy of how to look creatively at conflict and then use specific strategies and tactics to find peaceful resolutions. Verbal judo teaches how to reach solutions while preserving individual dignity and organizational integrity. The principles and tactics calm difficult people, redirects the behavior of hostile people and diffuses potentially dangerous situations. Reserve your seat by contacting the Counseling Office at 445-3266 or 445-3267. The course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAMPUS CORNER

Douglas to Host Welcome and Powwow

When: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3

Time: Noon to 7 p.m.

Where: WNC Douglas – Bently Hall

In an effort to reach more Native Americans for college, the Douglas Campus is hosting a Powwow in coordination with our Outreach staff the first weekend in August. There will be lots to see and do with dancing contests from tiny tots to golden age, including men's and women's traditional, fancy, and grass, both individual and team dancing.

There will be booths with information on colleges, a raffle, arts and crafts and food booths. Sponsors include the Washo Tribe and the Suicide Prevention Network of Douglas.

VISUAL ARTS

Art Shows Brighten Bristlecone Building

Whether your taste runs to a melding of art and prose or an organic infusion into mixed media paintings, the Carson City campus has two displays this summer designed to inspire. Both exhibitions will show through August 8, and are open during regular weekday business hours.

Brilliant photographs are the muse for WNC creative writing students who have produced literary pieces to accompany the images. The result is an art show entitled "Vantage Points," which is now showing in the Atrium Gallery in the east-center entrance to the Bristlecone Building. "Vantage Points" was shown earlier this year in the Student Gallery, and was brought back by popular demand for a summer showing.



Photos by Dr. John Lagios are the starting point for creative essays by students. Words and photographs are on display in the Atrium Gallery.



Naomi Nickerson's work is on display in the main gallery through Aug. 8

In the Main Gallery, next to the Atrium Gallery, Artist Naomi Nickerson's paintings explore texture, technique and process. Her environment influences her work, and as a world traveler, her inspiration is huge. "I want the viewer to be constantly aware of my hand and the edges and surface of the painting," Nickerson, a part-time art instructor at WNC, says.

"I am curious about texture, technique and process. When I paint I'm looking for the connection of immediacy. I am a purist and believe that all abstraction comes from nature. My paintings begin not at the application of oily brush to gessoed canvas, but with the coping saw where I cut my first organic, sensuous edge.

PERFORMING ARTS

Audition for WNMTC's "South Pacific"

When: Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m.

Where: Sarah Winnemucca Hall

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will audition for Rodgers and Hammerstein's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *South Pacific*, at the above date and time at the Carson City campus.



The show will play at the Carson City Community Center in nine performances, Nov. 8-23. *South Pacific* animates two love stories set in the Polynesian Islands during World War II with a classic score, including "There is Nothing Like a Dame," "Some Enchanted Evening," and "Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair."

There are multiple featured leads, a dance troupe and a chorus. Auditioners should come prepared to sing a song under one minute long. Callbacks will follow on Thursday evening. For more casting information, see the web site at

http://www.wnc.edu/performing_arts/

ATHLETICS

Wildcats Baseball

Team Excels in the Classroom and on the Field

Showing their academic and athletic ability, the Western's baseball team finished the spring semester with a solid "B" average (3.1 GPA), with catcher Victor Nunez having a perfect 4.0. James Crockett was right behind with a 3.94. Kyle Starratt, Josh Moody, Lance Ray, Brett Moravec and Darren Bruhns all finished above 3.6.

Coach DJ Whittemore said it was the sixth consecutive semester of a cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or better, and earned the Wildcats their third straight NJCAA Spring Academic Team of the Year Award. "I am very proud of these young men's effort," the coach said. "What they do in the classroom and on the field puts this institution in the best possible light."

The Wildcats also had an excellent season between the base paths. The college fell one game short of tying for the regular season championship, and just missed forcing a winner-take-all tiebreaker in the Scenic West Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

Info: <http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/>



CATCHING ACADEMIC HONORS—Victor Nunez led the baseball team with a perfect 4.0 GPA. The team average was 3.1.

Western Players Drafted by Major League Teams

Three Western pitchers have been chosen by the major league draft, and two are expected to be playing in the rookie leagues this summer. Kyle Farrell was a highly recruited pitcher out of



NEW BRAVE—Kyle Farrell was the 280th pick in the draft and was taken by the Atlanta Braves.

Salem OR who has played for the Wildcats one year. The righthander had a record of 10-2, with an ERA of 1.71. He struck out 80 in 84 1/3 innings.

"We've had eight pitchers drafted in three years, with seven signing professional contracts," Coach DJ Whittemore said.

Jose Barajas was picked by the Baltimore Orioles in round 26. The sophomore from Las Vegas was an ace for Western all year, saving five games and starting when needed. His ERA



VERSATILE—Jose Barajas excelled in relief or as a starter. He was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

was 2.66 and he had a won-loss record of 6-2.

Josh Moody was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in round 29. He had a record of 8-4, and an ERA of 2.37. As a lower round pick, Moody is likely to forgo the Braves' offer and return for his sophomore season.

